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Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know if he was found fit to hold the appointment ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" He has been found fit; that is the reason why he was appointed."

Development of textile industry in the South Kanara district.

* 270 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what steps are taken for the development of the textile industry in the South Kanara district;

(b) how many visits and tours have been paid during the last five years to this district by textile officers ; and

(c) what reports have been made as the result of such visits or tours by them as to what further development in the industry is possible and with what help, whether by textile schools or otherwise ?

A.—The information has been called for.

Textile schools and demonstration institutions at Salem and other places.

* 271 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether there are textile schools or demonstration institutions at Salem and other places ;

(b) if so, how many, for what purposes, at which places at present, with what establishment and at what cost ; and

(c) what the average attendance of pupils per day was in 1928 ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) There are no schools or demonstration institutions maintained by Government at Salem or other mufassal centres. There are, however, private industrial schools in receipt of Government aid. For a list of institutions where weaving is taught, the hon. Member is referred to the administration reports of the Industries department published every year.

Disposal of applications for aid under the State Aid to Industries Act.

* 272 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement showing applications for aid under State Aid to Industries Act made during the years 1927–28 and 1928-29 and still pending undisposed of by the Board of Industries lying

(a) in the office of the Director of Industries,

(b) in the office of the Director of Fisheries,

(c) in the office of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, and

(ii) to state—

(a) under what authority and for what reasons any of them have been held back by the officers mentioned,

(b) the grounds for which there has been undue delay in placing any of the applications before the Board of Industries,

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(*c*) the number of meetings of the Board of Industries held in 1927–28 and 1928–29 and in 1929 up to date,

(*d*) the various loans recommended by the Board of Industries in 1927–28 and 1928–29, and

(*e*) the loans sanctioned by Government and those not sanctioned by Government with reasons therefor?

A.—(i) The following applications received in the Department of Industries during 1927–28 and 1928–29 and prosecuted by the parties have yet to be placed before the Board of Industries for consideration:—

(1) Application from Mr. K. S. Sankaram Pillai, Guntur, for a loan of Rs 25,000 for establishing a tobacco redrying factory.

(2) Application from the Co-operative Agricultural and Industrial Society, Kallakurichi, for a loan of Rs. 3,912 and a subsidy of Rs. 2,500 for purchasing an oil expeller.

(ii) (*a*) The first application was received on 4th February 1929; it could not be placed before the Board of Industries, since the applicant had asked for time till the first week of August for the admission of certain additional particulars and documents called for by the Director of Industries in connexion with the application. The second application received on 11th February 1929 has been pending with the Registrar of Co-operative Societies since 28th February last. He has made a reference to the Deputy Registrar, Madras, who has not yet sent in his report.

(*b*) Applications are placed before the Board of Industries as soon as the particulars essential for their proper consideration are obtained from the applicants, and this frequently involves a good deal of correspondence after the receipt of the applications, since applicants fail to furnish the requisite details in the first instance.

(*c*) Six meetings have been held as below:—

1927–28	Three
1928–29	Two
1929–30	One

(*d*) & (*e*) The following statement shows the applications recommended by the Board and sanctioned and those still under the consideration of Government:—

(1) loan of Rs. 10,000 to the Salem Dye Works Syndicate, Limited	Sanctioned.
(2) loan of Rs. 20,000 to Mr. Muthyala Seenappa Ramanna for developing his safety match factory.	Do.

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(3) Loan of Rs. 11,000 to the Zamindars of Belgaum for developing their pyrotechnic match factory ...	Sanctioned.
(4) Loan of Rs. 500 to the proprietors of the Ram Ram Safety Match Works, Coimbatore district	Do.
(5) Overdraft of Rs. 6 lakhs to Messrs. Abbas Magnesite Company	Under consideration.
(6) Subscription of Rs. 15,000 to the share capital of the Tindivanam Co-operative Agricultural and Industrial Society	Do.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. Minister whether the Registrar of Co-operative Societies recommended the subscription of Rs. 15,000 for the Tindivanam Co-operative Society ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Yes."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" What is the delay in making the grant ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Owing to the examination of the question of legality of giving the grant applied for "

Introduction of a private Bill to amend the State Aid to Industries Act.

* 273 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government have received a private Bill from any Member of the Legislative Council to amend the Madras State Aid to Industries Act ;

(*b*) whether the Government opposed the grant of sanction to it and, if so, why ;

(*c*) whether Government have now in contemplation any legislation of their own to amend the same Act ; and

(*d*) if so, what its scope is and when it is intended to introduce it in the Council ?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is still under consideration.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Its scope is to amend section 9 of the Act with a view to amending the present provision relating to security. It may be possible to introduce the measure in the course of the year.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire why the grant of sanction to my Bill has been delayed ? " (Laughter.)

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know if one of the considerations is prestige on the part of the Government ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Not at all."